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Transmitted herewith for filing is the continuation patent application of

Inventor(s): Jay M. Short; Barry Marrs; Jeffrey L. Stein

For: PROTEIN ACTIVITY SCREENING OF CLONES HAVING DNA FROM UNCULTIVATED MICROORGANISMS

This is a request for filing a **continuation** application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), of prior U.S. application Serial No. 08/988,224; filed on December 10, 1997, now pending.

Enclosed are:

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This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/988,224, filed December 10, 1997, which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/657,409, filed June 3, 1996, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/568,994, filed December 7, 1995 (now abandoned), which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/503,606, filed July 18, 1995, the contents of which are incorporated by reference in their entirety herein.

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1	Cancel in this application original claim(s)
2.	A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

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 - X Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
 - X Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.
- 5. X Amend the specification by inserting after the title on page 1:

This application is a divisional of application Serial No. _08/988,224, filed December 10, 1997, which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/657,409, filed June 3, 1996, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/568,994, filed December 7, 1995 (now abandoned), which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/503,606, filed July 18, 1995, the contents of which are incorporated by reference in their entirety herein.

- 6. X A verified statement claiming small entity status was filed in parent application, Serial No. 08/657,409, filed on June 3, 1996, and such status is still proper.
- 7. X The prior application is assigned of record to Diversa Corporation, on June 3, 1996, at Reel 8018, Frame 0180.
- 8. X The power of attorney in the prior application is to Lisa A. Haile, Registration No. 38,347.

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- Please transfer the drawings from the prior application to the new application. 9. \mathbf{X}
- A copy of the prior application as filed is enclosed, including a copy of a 10. <u>X</u> Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney filed in parent application, U.S. application Serial No. 08/988,224, filed on December 10,1997.
- Permission to Use Sequence Listing of parent priority is enclosed along with 11. paper copy of Sequence Listing.
- Information Disclosure Statements filed in the prior application under 37 C.F.R. 12. X1.97 are hereby made of record. Copy of PTO-1449 is enclosed.

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The undersigned states that the enclosed application papers comprise a true copy of the prior application as filed.

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